

# Public Safety Advisory Committee Meeting

August 22, 2013

## Present:

Don Wiley, Chair – Linwood Neighborhood Association  
Dave Rash – Captain, Milwaukie Police Department  
Sue Richardson – Lake Road Neighborhood Association  
Linda Hedges – Member At Large  
Joanne Bird – Island Station Neighborhood Association  
Ray Bryan – Historic Milwaukie Neighborhood Association  
Mary Weaver - Campbell Neighborhood Association  
Doug - applicant for PSAC member-at-large

Apologies: Sonja Souder – Ardenwald Neighborhood Association

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The meeting was called to order at 6:18 p.m.

Don asked if everyone had read the minutes from the previous meeting. Linda made a motion to accept the minutes. Ray seconded the motion. Agreed unanimously.

There was no representative from Clackamas Fire

## Police Department report:

\*Captain Rash reported that Yago and Officer Hall will be finishing training with Portland PD this week and starting regular deployment next week. Following up on a question by Jo Anne Bird, Officer Hall reported that Yago does have a vest that will be tried on him (he has gained 20 lbs since he was acquired). Members indicated their wish to make sure that he has a proper stab proof and bullet proof vest before deployment or as soon thereafter as possible.

\*Captain Rash reported that the lobby prescription turn in box has been very successful. The Prescription Drug Turn In numbers were slightly down this year, possibly as a result of the popularity of the box. The Department has signed up for next April's Turn In Day.

\*Officer Greg Elkins and Officer John Redenbo, the two officers who responded to an attempted suicide on the 99E near Ochoco Bridge and who saved the young man from hurting himself or others will be receiving Meritorious Service Awards on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Council.

\*Members of our cadets placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Oregon Law Enforcement Challenge in early August. They earned several other awards. Officer John Downey has helped with the Oregon LEC for the 34 years it has operated. Officers Crystal Hill and Lindsay Nold mentor and train our cadets, and Sgt. Floyd Marl oversees the

program. All of them put in many personal hours for the program, and the success of the cadets against much larger departments is a reflection of the dedication of these officers as well as the cadets who volunteer many hours for the department.

\*The 99E PMLR closure went relatively well. TriMet provided flaggers at Oatfield and Park and at Oatfield and Lake Road, and there was some congestion along Hwy 224 and Washington, but by and large it went well. Sue Richardson commented that Lake Road was not nearly as congested as they had thought it would be.

Ray – Light Rail – Monroe will continue to be closed for a little longer. 21<sup>st</sup> and Adams will be closed Oct 21<sup>st</sup> through November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The City has insisted that during that closure the road under the trestle will be open both ways. There is on-going discussion about the pedestrian and bike pathway connectors to the Kellogg to Kronberg Park Bridge. There isn't currently funding for the connections, only for the actual bridge over the lake. It is not included in the PMLR funding and will be up to the city to find funding for it.

9K for K9 Walk had about 80 registrants. The balance in the K9 fund is about \$12k after having paid for Yago's purchase and costs to date.

Domestic Violence Prevention -- Don and Mary discussed the Purple Ribbon campaign proposed by Patricia Barrera in recognition of the Domestic Violence Prevention month in October. Don will contact Patricia regarding the ribbon material and the plaques or signs to go with the ribbons. The group thought that ribbons around City Hall and down Main Street would be the best location for this first effort. If any PSAC member can attend the meeting next Wed. at noon in Oregon City there will be more information available. Council will provide a proclamation in recognition of Domestic Violence month either the last Council meeting in September or first in October. Linda will contact Grady Wheeler in regard to providing a press release notifying the public of the city's recognition of the event. Ray suggested that we use purple flagger's tape if we are unable to be provided with alternative ribbons. Don and Ray will place the ribbons. Dave Rash was asked if we need a permit to tie the ribbons. He will check.

Linda Hedges asked PSAC reps to go back to their NDA meetings in September and make sure that attention is given by Chairs to view the revised TSP in regard to projects in their own neighborhoods and the prioritization of the projects as listed. Some discussion ensued in regard to priority given to bicycle projects. Jo Anne Bird commented that she would rather see concentration on Safe Routes to School bike paths rather than pathways for the few commuters who want to connect to the Springwater or Trolley Trails (to general agreement). Linda pointed out that the plan still contains incorrect information relating to NDAs money match contributions to the WSMP projects. There is an Open House

scheduled for public comment on September 5<sup>th</sup> at the Milwaukie Presbyterian Church at 5pm.

There was some discussion about how to achieve completion of the Washington Street/MHS crosswalk. Members agreed that there is hope that the City will still be able to find some funding to complete this project and other smaller projects that improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods.

Mary Weaver asked about the proposed Homeless Family project which was brought up by email from Pepi Anderson. Linda related the facts of the project as she understood them to be. Milwaukie Christian Church and NW Housing Alternatives want to partner to provide safe overnight parking for one family sleeping in their cars. NW Housing Alternatives will assist one family during a one month period to transition into more permanent housing. In the meantime the family will be able to park in the church parking lot and the church will provide shower and toilet facilities for the family. Eight families have reportedly been identified in Milwaukie. Captain Rash said that the police department is not aware of this issue and has not had interaction with families sleeping in their vehicles. Linda said that Council has approved a Type 3 planning application to allow for this project. This will require a public hearing and Planning Commission decision. Neighbors or neighborhood groups with concerns will have opportunity to raise their concerns and have questions answered before any approval is given.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

\*\*\*Next regular meeting will be on September 26th\*\*\*